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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: December 28, 1978

SUBJECT : Disappearance of Alfredo Antonio Giorgi
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PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Osvaldo Giorgi, Parent of Desaparecido
Mr. F. Allen Harris, Political Officer,
American Embassy, Buenos Aires

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I called Mr. Osvaldo Giorgi into the Embassy to inform him confidentially that his son, Alfredo, had been seen at a clandestine detention facility in Buenos Aires in mid-December.

Mr. Giorgi stated that he had received this same information from the wife of Mignone's source. This person had been kidnapped, interrogated and released in early December, 1978 (See Harris-Mignone memcon of 12/26/78).

According to Mr. Giorgi, the source had been a friend of his son in high school and later went on to study medicine. His son, Alfredo, pursued a career in chemistry at the Faculty of the Exact Sciences. The two had remained casual acquaintances over the years.

Source told his wife that he had an opportunity to talk with Alfredo Giorgi briefly in the showers at the detention

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facility. Alfredo Giorgi reported to source that he had been severely tortured during the early days of his interrogation but had been treated well since. Alfredo Giorgi expressed hope that he would be released. Alfredo Giorgi also stated that he had seen several other mutual friends of his and source's from high school at that detention facility.

Mr. Osvaldo Giorgi said that his son was the head of a research laboratory at the National Institute of Industrial Technology. He was arrested at that well guarded facility by persons identifying themselves as police officers on November 27, 1978 for questioning regarding drug smuggling. As of December 28, 1978 there has been no official confirmation of his son's detention. The family's habeas corpus petitions have produced negative replies from local police, Army and Navy authorities.

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